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Jesus Is A Lifeboat

Trauma from the past, damaged emotions. Memories of abuse, mistreatment, neglect, abandonment. Spiritual abuse (being brought up in oppressive/false doctrine/controlling religious environments, not under the true authority of the Bible, but rather under the abusive dark blanket of man-made false doctrines)...is often overlooked, but it's just as damaging as physical, and other forms of abuse. As if these things weren't bad enough, they also open the door to worse things, spiritually speaking.

When we are abused as children, it sets us up for lots more bad things in life, like a never ending spiral of doom, like a perpetual chain of despair. Left unchecked, we ourselves become abusers, of ourselves, other people, and in turn, our own children.

Where does it end? How are the chain links broken? How can you heal a tarnished mind? Who can reach in, and repair the unseen wounds? Who can heal the trauma of our past? Who can soothe our souls, and give us a new heart, and renew our minds? Who can heal our skewed outlooks, our messed up perspectives, and our broken methods of functioning?

Who can clean up our utterly darkened and diseased minds?

Jesus Christ, the King! He can heal us of every infirmity, of body, mind, emotions. He's willing and able.

On this earth, we are all thrown into the sea, a sea filled with vicious sharks and stinging jellyfish. We can only tread water on our own for so long, before we start to sink.

Beside each of us, maybe a few feet away it seems, is a small lifeboat. It floats there, and it has your name on it. Printed on the side is "SS Jesus Christ". It's been there all along.

Swim to it. You have to go to it. It's there, but it will not force itself on you, or make you climb in. It's not too far away, but you have to make the effort to go to it. When you do, climb in. You will find safety and rest, in this lifeboat.

The sharks will continue to swarm around and beneath you, waiting for you to fall out, and the jellyfish will wait for another chance to entangle you and sting you with their tentacles. But in the lifeboat, you remain safe.

Rest, and in time, the lifeboat will float to a larger ship, where you will be brought aboard, cleaned up, given new clothes and fed. You will be guarded, while you are learning about the King.

He will meet ALL of your needs, and heal you of every unseen, hidden wound, and all forms of damage, in your mind and emotions.

We must seek Him for true healing in this dark world. Other people, doctors, counselors, and books can only help so much. But with Jesus, we can be healed ALL THE WAY, fully, completely.

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.
John 8:36

The world holds nothing for us to hold on to. There's nothing - no person or thing or situation - that will not falter, or change. But Jesus is our rock, and He never changes. He's the only One that we can safely hold on to.

And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

1 John 2:17

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I Found the Light

Hey y'all, this world is dark, and it's getting darker every day. People are getting worse, caring less, treating each other worse with each passing day. Minds and hearts are growing colder and mean. Will you join in the ranks of the growing army of darkness? Cause that's what it is, that's what be become a part of, if we don't choose Jesus, and follow Him.

People who are not grounded in Him, those who don't know Him and love Him, are fair game for the enemy, who can easily, and definitely will, use those people for his will, agendas, tricks, deceit, destruction. Those who are not grounded in Jesus unwittingly become vessels for the enemy's will, sometimes slightly, sometimes severe. They become like puppets, that the enemy can easily slip his hand into, and cause to do this or that, and say this or that.

Are you a Christian? Then you know how it is, with the growing negative words spoken to you, sometimes slight, sometimes severe, but toxic nevertheless. These words come at us from those people who are not grounded in Christ. They are being used as puppets, to speak to us. They, like we once were, are still bound up in hatred, unforgiveness, resentment, judgement. They, like we once were, take pleasure in ridiculing and mocking others. They, like we once were, carry on in selfishness, and think only on what matters to them. This is not going to change. It's going to get worse, before this is all over. We have to accept the fact that not everyone is interested in, and learning about, and accepting, and following, our Savior and King. Rather, when interacting with these people, each conversation is like walking through a land mine. Some of us can avoid these interactions, some of us can't.

Well, I suppose the whole point of this writing bit is, and I might be stating the obvious - the world is bad, people are bad, and it's going to get a lot darker. But there is light, the only light, our only help and hope - Jesus.

I found the light.

He shows us the way, and He lights our path, as we walk through this dark world, and as we interact with those still bound in darkness.

I choose to follow the light.

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"Population Control"

No.

Just no.

(They want us to believe)..Abortion is a means for population control, this planet is so crowded. Plagues and pandemics are one the earth's natural defenses, to keep the population numbers in check. And now, the growing attention on euthanasia as a way to help certain people along in their terminal states (or suicidal mindsets), and although it won't be labeled as such, in the back of our minds, we'll say, we'll, at least it's ...population control.

Somehow we've swallowed the pill, the seed has been planted in our minds, this term. Because if we can accept and get on board with this false ideology, we will more easily accept, or, at least not protest, the things being done to humanity that are nothing more than plain old murder.

Yes.

Abortion is murder. Euthanasia is murder, and so is suicide. A medical doctor or trained professional overseeing the process does not erase the simple fact that taking the life of another human being, is murder. If someone takes their own life, so be it, that is their own choice. But it's still murder. Who are we to decide when another human life should end?

Things are allowed on this planet that could easily be stopped, such as wars, famine, and even crime and drug use, because these things kill people, satisfying those who are all too eager for more "population control". Where we are headed in these last days involves unification on many levels of society, economy, political, national, and global. Population Control makes everything a little bit easier for those who are pushing this agenda.

The term is false, and we should all start thinking with a level head about it. Let's look at human existence on earth, and how God already keeps the population in order.

It's called death. We're born, we live, then we die. Each one of us, in our own appointed season, gets to live on the earth for a bit, then, by natural causes, old age, disease, accident, murder, or suicide, we die. There you have it - natural "population control". If every soul that ever lived since the beginning of creation were still alive, here on the earth, all of us here at once, sharing the earth - THAT would be a problem. But instead, every generation has its own time to live on the earth, one at a time, one after the other. Perfect.

There's more than enough room on the planet for everyone.

Population control is a false term, to help steer our thinking towards the globalist agenda. We are only humans, and God is God. We are not gods. It is not up to us to "control" when other humans live or die.

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Climate Change

<https://archive.org/details/climatechange126>

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Audio Bible ... for sleep?

No.

All those videos on youtube - "Audio Bible For Restful Sleep", "Bible Scriptures For Meditation And Relaxation", "Scriptures To Fall Asleep To"... the list goes on. No. While it may be true that listening to audio Bible recordings you just might fall asleep - that's not what God's Holy Word is for, and most definitely should not be marketed as such. This is a slighting of His Word, an undermining of what The Word really is, and a misrepresentation of what the Bible is to us.

Also, some of these videos with these "relaxing, fall asleep" titles, are from that new "You" version. But of course! Of course, in these last days, His Word would be given a "translation" called the "You" version. Because it's all about you! Not Him. YOU! Oh, and His Holy Word is now a sleeping aid...for YOU.

I admit, I take in a lot of the Bible in audio format, but I know it's better to read it myself, from the physical Bible. And I admit, I have fallen asleep many times listening to His Word, and I take comfort in knowing the best sound in the whole world, words of truth and life, are playing while I sleep. But I never put it on for the purpose of falling asleep.

The Holy Bible is not a sleep aid.

It is alive, it is Jesus. The Bible says that He is "the Word made flesh". The Bible is holy, it is sure, it is true. The Bible is our authority on earth, teaching us about our Savior and King. It is not just another book.

I'm creeped out by all the "religious" looking videos on youtube, leery of clicking on any of them, unless I'm familiar with that particular ministry. I've been the most blessed and encouraged in my Christian walk, not so much by a certain ministry, but by everyday people, other followers of Christ, just sharing whatever God put in their hand to share.

We need to be so careful. Wolves and witches are everywhere, embedded in Christian places, churches, ministries.

We should keep our learning of Him as pure as possible, taking in His Word on our own, praying on our own (and with other believers, in fellowship, when we are able), worshipping Him in simplicity, not getting carried away with any movement or trend, steering clear of all the worldly Christian ministers, keeping our spiritual feet on the ground. Jesus is available to us all, right where we're at. Christian media can be dangerous, if we are new to the faith, and lack discernment.

Jesus loves you, and came to set the captives free. We must beware of the wolves in sheep's clothing, that hide within the flock, ready and waiting to lead us astray.

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On The Highway Of Life

Fill up the car with gas, before getting on the road.

Start your day with prayer, and fuel up on His Word, before things get in motion.

Buckle up, and don't drive too fast.

Be safe. Slow down, choose your words and actions carefully.

Obey the traffic laws, for your own safety, and the safety of others around you.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Treat others with kindness and generosity, love others. Be slow to anger, and quick to forgive. Speak the truth, don't lie. Don't steal.

Don't compare your car with the other drivers on the road, don't be arrogant if you drive a nice car, and don't be jealous of those whose car is better than yours.

Don't compare yourself to other people. Each of us is on a different walk, coming from individual backgrounds, facing different obstacles and challenges, having different strengths and weaknesses. God loves us all, and tells us not to compare.

Don't neglect your car when it's time for a tune up, or repair work. It's worth the money to get it running smoothly again.

Don't neglect your spiritual health, don't overlook matters that need attention and need to be prayed about. Take yourself in for a tune up on a regular basis with Jesus, ask Him to inspect your heart, and show you things that need changing.

When driving, don't stare into the rear view mirror. Keep your eyes on the road ahead...or you'll crash.

Don't keep looking back. Don't dwell on the past, or get lost in memories. God says He redeems ALL things in the lives of those who love Him, so we can trust that He will work everything out - everything that we've ever been through - for our good, and His glory. Keep looking ahead, and keep your eyes on Him.

If you drive with a flat tire, you won't get very far.

Trying to carry on in sin will only slow you down. Repent, confess your sins, and air up that "flat tire" in your life, whatever that may be.

When driving on the road, stay in your own lane. Don't swerve into the lanes of others. If someone swerves into YOUR lane, you honk the horn, and apply the brakes.

Boundaries. Respect the boundaries of others, and maintain your own.

If you see another driver acting crazy, you can report it, and a cop will pull them over.

If you know someone is acting crazy or doing something they shouldn't, you can pray for them, and God might "pull them over". They might be issued a ticket (conviction), have to pay a fine (consequences), or if they REALLY messed up...jail. (Those times when God allows us to reap what we sow - punishment, loss of freedoms, and sometimes, depending on the severity - death. His patience and mercy is with us, but if we abuse it, over and over again, and don't heed the warnings, and don't choose Him and His ways - the day will come when our time is up, and He'll let us crash...and burn.

Wash your car. Keep it clean.

Repent. Cleanse your heart, be washed in His blood. When you sin, be quick to confess it, and repent.

How do you follow Jesus?
<https://archive.org/details/HowDoYouFollowJesus>

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I can see how easy it is to become homeless.

Just for the record, I'm not, but if it weren't for the grace of God, I would be.

Some of us are, or have been, or will be, dangling by a thread, a thread that is bound to snap and break at any moment. Not everyone can hold on. Not everyone can fix the thread, make it bigger and better, trade it in. Some of us simply don't have the means to change our circumstances. We can't just up and buy ourselves out of our predicaments.

I know God makes a way for everyone who puts their trust in Him, and the answer is different for everyone. So there's no one-size-fits-all solution to the homeless, or borderline homeless, problem.

Some folks need rehab. Or, just basic education and/or skills, to become employable. Some need medical attention/care. How? With no income or transportation? It's a vicious, nearly impossible cycle of frustration and brick walls. Especially for those with no one to help them. Moreover, some lack the ability to mentally grasp what's needed, they can't answer you when you ask, "what's wrong, and what do you need?"

So many just give up, let go, and fall into homelessness, drug addiction/alcoholism, prostitution, etc etc, and it just all spirals downward from there.

Over the last decade I've met so many people like this. For the last 10+ years I was living in the Florida Panhandle. That chapter is over now, and my head is a bit jumbled up from it all. As usual, I'll work/pray through it, my own way, and be better off because of it. God redeems everything. But I can't help remembering all the people that I met, who had it so much worse than me, with no way out. I've never been without a way out, and I've always known it. I think that's why none of it really scared me, until most recently, the events that finally pushed me out of Florida completely.

So as I sit here, safe and sound, in God's care, and all the comforts, and blessings, and help, and healing... what about them? What about those people who are buried in sufferings and addictions, who don't know Jesus like I do? What will become of them? What will it take to reach them? Who will they hear?

And what about the homeless people, everywhere?

They don't need judgment. They need understanding. They need help. It goes beyond food and shelter. They need compassion and support. How? The people who are able to give this aren't living on the streets with them.

Jesus,
please meet the needs of those who are homeless, without basic needs met, drug addicted, broken, rejected, sick. Please give them the individual help and attention they need. Please enlarge the pockets and generosity of those who give. Please let more shelters and places of comfort and refreshing be built. Please make it easier for the weak ones to get by in the world. Please ease their struggles. Please make it so that if we don't perform or participate "right", we won't find ourselves hanging by a thread.

In Jesus' name I pray,
Amen

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A Way to Function

This is my prayer for today. That God would give me a new way to function, live, get by in the world, exist. A way that's right for me. A road that I can walk on. A way to go about my days, free from the perpetual frame of reference compared to others, who are still living normal lives. So much of my efforts and energy have gone into the tiresome and nerve-wracking art of "fitting in" that somewhere along the way, I've completely neglected myself and my own needs, based on who I really am, and where I'm really at, and what I really need.

I'm exhausted. I think 98% of my stress comes from how I feel around, and perceive myself around, other people, and how I think they're viewing me. Moreover, I am highly sensitive, and spiritual, so that adds another layer to everything, causing pretty much everything to be stressful to me these days. I'm tired of it and I can't do it anymore. The world isn't going to change. I have to change. I have no choice now, but to throw in the towel, admit defeat. World, you won. You broke me.

I'm not suicidal. Far from it. I trust God my Maker and my King to see me through this.

Dear Jesus,
Please give me a new way to live and exist in this world, where I no longer feel inferior and unable. Please give me a new normal, free from comparison of others. Please give me safety, continue to harbor me in this storm called life. Let me live and do and go through my life on better terms. Set me free Jesus. My rope has finally broke.

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Jan 4, 2022

Not that anyone asked, but I still have strong opinions about cars.

This morning, I saw on the news that there was a traffic pileup of about 90 miles (? I think it was) along a snow covered highway in Virginia. People were abandoning their vehicles, others were left dealing with gas running low/out, cars stalling out, what to do with pets etc.

When I see or hear about these types of things, or even just hearing about one car wreck, I am against driving as we know it, all that much more.

Let me say, I am not into politics, not into socialism, globalism, communism, or any other "ism".
My reasons are pure and simple - driving cars, and all that entails, as we know it today, is dangerous, expensive, time-consuming. And quite stressful for some.

I'm not even into climate issues, (from a political view, that is. I know that we are in the end times, and what some refer to as "climate change" is simply what the Bible warned us of in the Book of Revelation - repackaged, to fit another agenda.)

That being said, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to see the damage that vehicles, as we know them, are taking a huge toll on our precious, God-given environment. And our lungs.

And what of the destructive effects caused by the continuous quest for oil and gas? What are we even doing to the ground, and the soil beneath, that's been given to us to walk on?

What are we doing to the rock layers beneath that, which our Creator has laid firmly in place for us? Why are we relentlessly shaking it up, breaking it up, drilling away at it?
Our greed will cause the earth itself to turn against us.
Our foundations have already crumbled and been destroyed, in more ways than one.

What are the alternatives for modern day transportation? Don't ask me, I have no clue.
Except, I get excited at the prospect of more light-rails, improved public transportation, environment-conscious subways, and the like. And I'm not even a green tree-hugger.
I'm a Christian with common sense.

Do I ride in cars? Yes, when necessary. Will I ever take on the burden of owning one again? No.
Do I need to own a car, so I can get out, and do things? No. At what cost? My life?
If someone makes a mistake, and slams i to me? Or, if I should make a mistake, and crash into someone else?

Don't even get me started on the cost of gas, insurance, inspections, etc etc.
It's like one big prison, but we are so accustomed to it, it's hard to see it as anything but normal.

We are groomed from a young age to look forward to driving, and owning a nice car. Look at the commercials for "luxury cars", showing very sleek humans, usually in dark sunglasses, behind the wheel of an expensive car. Do we really fall for it, in this day and age? Are we still falling for the carrot-on-a-stick, dangled in front of us, of luxury ANYTHING? Not only cars, but homes, clothing, jewelry, traveling for pleasure, yachts, etc etc.
Give me poverty instead, any day. I know what God has stored up on the other side

of this earthly life, for those who choose Him.

Again, the light rails being talked about, that will run through cities, connecting people and places much better. Where do I sign up? Can I purchase a travel pass for say, the year 2050?

Ok so maybe I'll be long gone by then. But I can still dream.

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